

Attorney Docket No. AGZP:115US
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/709,189
Reply to Office Action of September 6, 2006
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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 3 and 5. These sheets, which include Figs. 3-6, replace the original sheets including Figs. 3-6. In Figures 3 and 5, previously omitted element folding zone 50 has been identified.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Remarks

Priority Document

The Examiner acknowledged Applicant's claim for foreign priority based on European application EP 03425313.8. The Examiner states that Applicant has not filed a certified copy of the priority document as required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(b). Applicant respectfully traverses this statement. In Appendix I of the amendment After Final dated January 6, 2006, Applicant submitted proof of receipt of by the USPTO of the priority document on July 19, 2004. As the Amendment after Final was not entered into the record, Applicant hereby resubmits that same proof in Appendix I of the RCE. Appendix I includes:

1. copy of the acknowledgement post card stamped as received by the Patent & Trademark Office on July 19, 2004 with the post card listing a certified copy of European Priority Patent Application No. EP 03425313.8 as one of the items transmitted;
2. copy of the above acknowledgment post card as originally filed;
3. copy of Request for Correction to Filing Receipt requesting correction of the priority document number as shown on the original filing receipt;
4. copy of the filing receipt received by the USPTO showing the correction to be made;
5. copy of the cover page of the priority document.

Applicant respectfully submits that the items included in Appendix I constitute proof that the USPTO has received and acknowledged receipt of the priority document as required under 35 U.S.C. § 119(b). Applicant respectfully requests removal of the requirement to submit the previously submitted priority document.

Amendment to the Specification

Applicant has amended paragraph 0021 of the Summary section of the specification to describe one embodiment of the vacant space between folding rings as a gap between the folding rings. This amendment is supported by Figures 3-6 of the specification.

Applicant has amended paragraph 0033 of the specification to add a description of folding zone 50. Folding zone 50 includes the area of the folding roller that holds the folding elements. This amendment is made to particularly describe that portion of the folding roller that holds the folding elements. Because this part of the structure was first disclosed in the drawings as originally filed, particularly as seen in Figures 3 and 5, this amendment adds no new matter.

Applicant has amended paragraph 0035 of the Detailed Description of the specification to describe one embodiment of the unoccupied space between folding rings as a gap. This amendment is supported by Figures 3-6 of the specification.

Amendment to the Drawings

Applicant has attached as Appendix II an amendment to the drawings. Specifically, Figures 3 and 5 have been amended to add reference number 50 which denotes the folding zone within which the paper sheets are folded downstream of folding rollers within the folding zone. Applicant respectfully submits that this is not new matter but merely defines a structure of the claimed invention that was present in the original drawings at the time the application was first filed. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amended drawings.

Amendment to the Claims

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that new Claim 7, submitted in the Amendment after Final, would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims. Applicants have retained Claim 7, cancelled Claims 1-5, and added new Claims 8-10 which all depend from Claim 7. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment into the record and allowance of Claims 8-10.

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Objection to Claim 5

The Examiner objected to Claim 5 as incorrectly depending from Claim 4 and stated that Claim 5 should depend from Claim 1. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 4, and 5 thereby rendering the objection to Claim 5 moot.

The § 102 (b) Rejections of Claims 1-5

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,147,273 to Rottman, et al. ("Rottman" or "the Rottman patent"). Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5 thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully yours,



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Appendix I

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On April 20, 2004 the above-identified patent application was electronically filed as shown by the enclosed copy of the Filing Receipt.

The Foreign Application number incorrectly reads as: EP 03425343.8. As evidenced by the enclosed certified copy of European Patent Application No. 03425313.8, the Foreign Application number should read: EP 03425313.8.

We respectfully request a correction to the Foreign Application number to read: EP 03425313.8.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix II